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The Rise and Fall and Rise of Sweet Pond

BY JOSLYN MCINTYRE

When Eric Morse moved to Guilford in the early '70s, Sweet Pond was a popular swimming hole on private property. Morse remembers a rope swing and a nice shallow area the community worked to keep clear on the residence side of the pond. When that spot eventually became wild and overgrown, the kids started swimming by the dense trees shading the other bank.

Morse's children grew up swimming in Sweet Pond. One of those children, Skye, eventually made his way back to Guilford and now lives on the fringes of the pond with his wife, Geneva, and their twin boys, Emery and Bennett. This verdant, peaceful spot way down Sweet Pond Road is a sleepy state park—one of the smallest in Vermont—with a vast history.

Way back, there was the Franklin family, who farmed the land for about 150 years and still farm in Guilford to this day. As the story goes, farmer and Revolutionary War veteran Philip Franklin claimed the land—Lot no.199—in the 1700s. In a 2013 documentary film by Charles Light, descendant Al Franklin recalled how “We used to cut ice off this pond. With all the farmers around here, we got ice in the winter and stored it, buried in sawdust...so we always had it

for cooling the milk in the summer.”

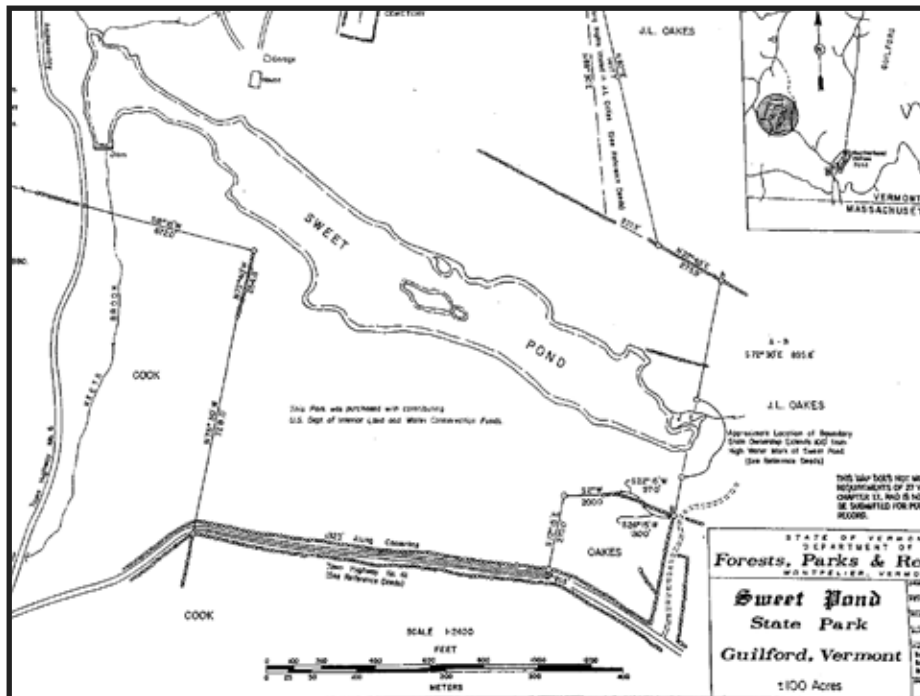
The pond, originally called *Spicer*, was then known as *Franklin* up until Dr. Charles and Susan Sweet bought the property in 1928. Over the decades, the Sweet family maintained the house as their summer

rousing, bucolic production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* presented by director John Carroll and the Monteverdi Players, a local troupe known for their imaginative outdoor plays, for a while held each year in Guilford. Those who witnessed the production remember the boat built from scratch, which sailed into the scene on the pond, the island stage created by Mark Fenwick, and the fantastical headpieces by Stacy Morse—Eric's sister.

Sweet Pond probably wasn't always a pond. It may have originated as a beaver dam, in fact. To become a bigger pond, it needed a man-made dam, and there's some evidence to support that the Franklins built the first dam. History shows that the long-

standing stone dam was built around 1800 by Nathan Millet, and the dam was rebuilt by Dr. Sweet in 1928, but by the 21st century, it was badly in need of repair. In 2011, the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation declared Sweet Pond Dam unsafe — and just in time. Shortly before Tropical Storm Irene ravaged the area, the water was drawn down and Sweet Pond emptied.

There it stood in all its marshy, riparian glory for the next several years, until the dam could be properly fortified—which turned out to be a major project for



Map of Sweet Pond

home and allowed the local kids to adopt the pond as a popular swimming spot. In 2007, Verandah Porche interviewed Dr. Sweet's neighbor, Margaret Borkowski, who recalled how the doctor lovingly cultivated the pond for fishing, swimming, and boating. “He used to love it,” she remembered. “He was a generous man.”

Apparently so, because in 1976, the Sweets donated the homestead and a 100-acre parcel to the State of Vermont, and Sweet Pond State Park was officially established as a public property with a 1.3-mile trail circumnavigating the water. In 1977, this location provided a backdrop for a

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Sweet Pond, continued

state contractors, with plenty of fits and starts. This project was championed by the Save Sweet Pond Movement, with a steering committee co-chaired by Verandah Porche and Linda Hecker, who observed, “While we in Guilford feel a special relationship [with Sweet Pond], we don’t own it, we steward it.” Finally, the dam was rebuilt, springs and streams began to flow into the basin again, and Sweet Pond was restored. A newly erected pond marker acknowledges the Franklins, although most people still call it *Sweet Pond*.

Of course, looking even further back, the Franklins weren’t pioneers in discovering the Sweet Pond tract. First, there were the Abenaki. In the article “An Abenaki Lens on Sweet Pond State Park” on Ato-wi.org, cultural researcher Rich Holschuh describes how what is now Route 5 in Guilford was once a primary north-south Native trail leading from Brattleboro to Deerfield. Keets Brook is a tributary of Couch Brook that flows out of Sweet Pond, and this part of Guilford may have been a sub-trail for the Abenaki, granting

them access to an east-west trail along Broad Brook. While Holschuh questions whether the pond itself even existed in the time when the Abenaki were the primary inhabitants of Southern Vermont, the land itself was and is a familiar part of their homelands.

The land has changed—and concepts of ownership evolve—but we Guilfordites are still the stewards of this pond and its rich history. And by the way, the Morses are back on the pond. The photograph shows Skye Morse and his boys kayaking the waters this very summer.

With thanks to the storytelling of Eric Morse and Rich Holschuh, the photography of Geneva Morse, and the wisdom of Verandah Porche



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BY ELIZABETH JULIA STOUMEN

These visitors—singles, couples, parents, and children—come from all directions. Some seem new to our community—immigrants perhaps. Nonetheless, they all find our meals to be tasty and satisfying.

At left: Birds at bird feeder. Photo by Elizabeth Julia Stoumen, Guilford, VT

Usually they return, often with friends. And frequently they share lilting songs—joyous, gentle and uplifting all at once.

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The Guilford Fair is Coming!

BY THE FAIR COMMITTEE

This year's Guilford Fair will look a lot like it has in the past—lots of exhibits, animals, food, families, friends and fun! The Fair trustees have been meeting since February, planning the 2022 Guilford Fair.

Every year friends and neighbors bring their finest fruits, veggies, canned and prepared goods, handicrafts, hobbies, fancywork and floral exhibits to fill Fitch Hall for all to enjoy. We encourage everyone to bring their exhibits to share with other fairgoers. There are adult and youth categories for all exhibits, too. Fitch Hall exhibit registration takes place on Saturday, September 3, from 10:00-3:00 and exhibits can be retrieved after 5:00 pm on Monday, September 5.

Kevin Parry has gathered some of the area's finest musicians to keep everyone's toes tapping. The Case Managers, Three Way Street, Groove Prophet, Sugar Supreme and Steel Rail will all be performing Labor Day weekend at the fairgrounds.

Green Mountain Amusements will be providing the rides this year and will continue with the tradition of a



Photos courtesy of Michelle Frehsee

children's bike raffle! (One entry per child, admission ticket is their raffle ticket and you must be present at the office at the time of the drawing to win.) Ride bracelets will be available on Sunday, September 4 from 1:00-4:00; bracelets are \$25 each. Green Mountain Amusements will also be providing an ATM service at this year's fair.

On Sunday, the Now & Then Vehicles Club, Inc. of Southern Vermont will sponsor the Classic Car Show. If you have a classic car you'd like to bring to the fair you get to show off your wheels, and the driver gets free admission to the fair. There is no rain date for the car show this year.

Traditional Guilford Fair fun, like the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department's

chicken barbecue, sheep shearing demonstrations, ox and horse pulls, the horse show, cattle show, 'Farmer for a Day' and Bingo, will all be happening again this year. There's so much to see and do at the fair!

As with so many volunteer organizations, we need help to keep things running as smoothly as possible! The Fair is a great opportunity for stu-

dents to get some Community Service hours, as well as get a free ticket to the Fair for volunteering. There are so many tasks that we need help with, from setting up Fitch Hall, selling t-shirts, helping with 'Farmer for a Day' and so on. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Marianne Lawrence or Belinda Lashway.

The trustees would also like to extend a great big thank you to all of the volunteers and sponsors who make the Guilford Fair possible! We are beyond grateful for the support. We hope you'll spend the last official weekend of summer with us at the Guilford Fair!

For more information check our website: GuilfordFairVermont.com or you can find us on Facebook.

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Creating a Guilford Guide

BY JEANNETTE TOKARZ

Our 2022-2030 approved Town Plan contains a policy in the 'Recreation' chapter that states: The Town will create, maintain and publish a directory that includes social services, local businesses, civic opportunities, a community calendar, and additionally bring a Guilford Handbook to life.

The seeds of such a directory already exist in the Annual Report. To view this list on the town website, navigate to Documents and Maps->Reports->Annual Town Reports. I'd like to see this directory be expanded and categorized to fulfill the vision in our Town Plan. It will take considerable effort to compile

this information, but hopefully by 'crowd sourcing' the work we'll arrive at a meaningful and useful document.

So, readers of the Gazette, a request. If you participate in, or know of a social service agency, local business, local community organization, etc., please email me at jeannettetokarzpc@gmail.com or drop off a note for me at the Town Office. Include in the information the name of the organization/business, contact information and brief description of your entity. Don't be shy!

Once the information is compiled, it would be tremendously helpful if a few volunteers could turn the raw data into a shiny, new directory. Contact me if

interested. It could be fun to participate, and you will learn a lot about our town.

With regards to a Community Calendar, the Broad Brook Community Center, the Recreation Commission and the Guilford Gazette have agreed to participate. The plan is to have the calendar on the town website with paper copies posted around town. Ideally a 3-month calendar will be in every edition of the Gazette. Exciting stuff! For now, send your events to be included in the calendar to me, subject to change as we work through the logistics.

I'm looking forward to hearing from many of you.

Broad Brook Community Center Update

BY ADA BROWN, ADMINISTRATOR

We are having a busy summer at the BBCC! As we prepare for reopening this fall, many large projects are finishing up in and around the building. Outside, MT3 has finished the extensive excavations for a mound septic system and installed six underground concrete water tanks. These tanks are designed to hold the 16,000 gallons of water required for the new sprinkler system, which will protect the building in case of a fire. Jared Powers has installed the pipes and risers for the system on the

inside, so we are now all prepared to keep the building as safe as possible.

The parking area in the field (for roughly 30 cars) has been graded and covered with crushed stone. Next, MT3 will be working on the excavations for the fire escape, and for the foundation of the tower which will hold up the restaurant-style kitchen exhaust system behind the building. MT3 has done an excellent job with all of these projects. Thank you, Mike Tkaczyk!

Inside the building, Mathes Hulme Builders have taken the bounce out of the first

and second floors with new joists, and new wood and steel beams. The building is now also insulated with blown-in cellulose insulation, so we are all ready for dances and winter events!

Mathes Hulme Builders have also completed the elevator shaft, and the LULA elevator is in place, which completes the final step towards making the building fully accessible. In addition, they have repaired the porch, built new stairs to the basement, and repaired some extensive

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An Update from the Guilford Historical Museum

BY PAULA MARKS

The Guilford Historical Museum in Guilford Center's old Town Hall has reopened on Saturdays (from 9 a.m. to noon and by appointment) after an extended COVID hiatus. Volunteers began reorganizing the space in May and June in order to better highlight objects that tell a Guilford story and to have research materials readily accessible. This reorganization is ongoing, but we are eager to welcome visitors, share some of the richness of our town's history, and help you discover items or information of personal interest.

As many of you know, the GHS owns the 1837 Universalist Meeting House across the road from the museum in Guilford Center, as well as the brick schoolhouse on Carpenter Hill road. With thanks to our donors, we raised the money for repairs to the meeting house roof this summer. However, ceiling repairs are badly needed, and the cost is well beyond our means. We are searching for grant monies but would also appreciate donations for this endeavor.

You can go to our website (www.guilfordhistorical.org) and click the "membership and donations" option. While there, or simply if you would like to join the society, sign up for membership! It is only \$10 annually for an individual

and \$20 for a family.

Look for us at the Guilford Fair in September, and for upcoming information on a special October 1 celebration of the Carpenter House's 250 Years of History, hosted by owners Davida Bagatelle and Arthur McEvily,

GHS, and the Guilford Conservation Commission. Then watch for a couple of special history events coming in 2023.

Meanwhile, come see us at the museum before we must close again for the winter in early November.



Guilford Historical Society board secretary Carol Stack and board member Diane Frost unfurl a recent acquisition from Jeanette (Thurber) Wright and her daughter Karen. This quilt, made by "ladies in Guilford," was won by Jeanette's mom Ruby E. (Thayer) Thurber at the town's 250th anniversary celebration. The Thurber and Thayer families have deep roots in Guilford. (If anyone knows who one or more of the quilters were, please share this with us by going to our website www.guilfordhistorical.org and clicking the "contact" option.)

BBCC Update, continued

fire damage that was discovered in the roof and one of the upstairs walls.

The building exterior is looking beautiful, a testament to the great work of Eddie Charbonneau's crew who have transformed the building with a fresh coat of paint. The BBCC board, with help from friends, painted the interior in mid-July.

We are planning a grand reopening celebration on Saturday, October 22! We hope to make it a full day of fun, including

an apple pie social, contra dancing, presentations by our community partners, and lots of information about how the building can be used by the community. We hope to see you there!

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Budget Season: Back to the Future

BY VERANDAH PORCHE, VICE CHAIR, GUILFORD SELECTBOARD

Soon after this Gazette arrives in your mailboxes, Guilford Fair will herald summer's unofficial end. When life is iffy, the Fair is a sure bet for meeting and greeting, overeating, and happy competition, from the horse-pull to blue ribbons for produce, flowers, and fancywork. A dedicated crew of volunteers keeps this tradition alive and evolving.

And also this fall: The five volunteers on the Selectboard, with support from two part-time town administrators and the Finance Advisory Committee, start work on the next budget. Our number one priority is to make sure that Guilford operates on solid financial ground. Using money raised by property taxes, grants, license fees, and State Aid to Highways, we administer services for residents and care for the Town's assets. The Selectboard authorizes all town expenditures by signing orders for the treasurer to execute. Members review invoices, from payroll to gravel, before each meeting. Annually, our charge is to put before voters on Town Meeting Day a comprehensive, lean budget that aligns with Town goals, for the coming fiscal year.

Like 123 other towns in Vermont, Guilford's fiscal year starts on July 1 and ends on June 30th, rather than following the calendar year. The advantages, according to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, are

- The school and town will be on the same budget schedule.
- Town voters get to approve the budget in March for the tax

year that starts in July. Therefore, no operating expenses are incurred before budget approval.

- Tax collection may start soon after the beginning of the fiscal year, thus reducing or eliminating the need to borrow money for operating expenses.
- Auditors can audit the town books and accounts in July and August and prepare the town report by December or January, prior to Town Meeting.
- Winter highway maintenance costs are in a single-year budget cycle.
- The town's fiscal year coincides with the state's fiscal year for highway and other funding.

The challenge of this fiscal schedule is that the Selectboard must take a great leap forward in the fall of 2022 to prepare the budget for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (FY24)! To get a reading on the future, we rely on professional audits and past data. We compare amounts budgeted to actual expenses for every line item from computers to culverts, for several years. We also set aside reserve funds annually to cover projected future major maintenance and capital improvement. This practice is intended to minimize the Town's debt.

Still, there are "the unknowns." No one drafting a budget in the fall of 2018 for July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 could have imagined the impact of the Covid pandemic beginning in 2020 or, the next year, anticipated the "once-in-a-lifetime" investment of federal ARPA recovery funds. In the fall of 2020, no one could have predicted the upheaval of international issues like the war in Ukraine and the resulting inflation. Locally, the board faces unprecedented challenges that incur unanticipated

legal fees. These complications can be daunting.

Fortunately, we have a proven process in place that generally accommodates even challenges such as these. The Selectboard holds a series of four to six workshops, each announced in advance and open to the public, to draft the Municipal and Highway budgets. We scrutinize each line item, poring over spreadsheets generated from the Town's accounting system, discussing line by line, reviewing projected, actual and proposed expenses. The Board considers:

- the Road Commissioner's figures;
- requests from Town Commissions
- reserve funds the town has created for fiscal health;
- grant possibilities from state agencies that have funded projects in the past; and
- the modest shortfall from unpaid delinquent taxes.

It is clear that operating within our means occasionally calls for painful decisions, like declining the Historical Society's offer to take ownership of the beautiful Guilford Center Meetinghouse. However, the Selectboard has managed to propose a level-funded budget year after year with minimal to no increase in the municipal tax rate. (The municipal/highway tax rate is separate from the school tax rate, which is established by the State.)

Drafting the budget is demanding yet inspiring work. We welcome residents to take part in our process of translating necessities and values into dollars and cents.

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Twenty-Six Years Ago

BY SHIRLEY SQUIRES

As a child I loved nativities; our family had one displayed during the holiday. Over the years I began to collect my own.

In 1997 I was finding it a difficult time during the holidays. My son had passed away four years previously as well as several of my acquaintances. This gave me a thought—I will open my home during the Christmas season and welcome anyone who wants to enjoy them with me. Never did I think this would continue so long nor did I ever expect my collection to grow to over 1,500 sets.

Visitors from miles away, both international and—to my delight—school children came to see my nativities. I was presented with “hand-made” nativities from the school class as a thank you for the visit. St. Michael’s Catholic Church presented me with a nativity set as well as many others who thought of me in their travels. Nor could I resist purchasing nativities in my travels. There are sets with animals playing the parts, sets from all over the world, fancy sets and much more.

From 2020 to 2022, because of Covid-19,

I felt that having visitors was not in my health’s best interest. I also realized that, as I turned 92 years of age this summer, it has become too much work to prepare for: packing up my personal pictures etc., lugging them down cellar and bringing them back up, even with the help of family and friends. So, with much sadness but common sense also, I will no longer open my home for visitors to view my nativities.

I will, however, remain active in the church, AIDS Project (in memory of my son Ronnie) and Brattleboro Area Hospice.

But all is not lost. Thanks to those who videoed my nativities there are two sites on YouTube where you can enjoy my collection. Search Shirley Squires nativities and you will find Shirley Squires a Touch of Heaven Part 1 and Part 2 with BCTV and some short features posted by the Brattleboro Reformer.

Editor’s Note: Well worth seeing but get your coffee ready, remember she has over 1,500! Thank you, Shirley, for the enjoyment and sharing with all of us over these 26 years. You have brought joy to many. Now enjoy the next phase.



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On Wastewater, ‘Smart Growth’ and the Town Plan

BY THE GUILFORD CONSERVATION AND PLANNING COMMISSIONS

A few Guilford residents have expressed concern that the 2022-2030 Town Plan states that the Town will “conduct feasibility studies to expand the Algiers sewer district and establish a sewer and water district for Guilford Center and northern Weatherhead Hollow Road.” (Land Use Section).

In the process of adopting the Town Plan, the Planning Commission recognized that the focus on a “sewer district” was too narrow in scope, and should be broadened to consider other types of wastewater management systems appropriate for rural areas. It doesn’t plan to conduct a feasibility study to look at sewer expansion. The Town Plan will be modified to reflect this change in a future revision.

The consideration of water management systems in the Town Plan is in response to State statute (24 VSA section 4302): that development should be planned in such a way that it is in accordance with ‘Smart Growth’ principles. One of these principles is to concentrate growth in pre-existing, historical village centers and residential areas, rather than creating new roads and long driveways that result in forest fragmentation and loss of agricultural land. ‘Smart Growth’ depends partially on having infrastructure like water and wastewater systems in place, so evaluating current needs and planning for future growth is a central purpose of any Town Plan.

Vermont’s ‘Climate Action Plan’ seeks to minimize negative impacts of climate change, including by anticipating an influx of more “climate refugees” from

other, more vulnerable parts of the country. The state experienced a wave of new residents during the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic, affecting housing availability and affordability for locals and new residents alike. It is anticipated that these pressures will continue unabated. Guilford will be a desirable area for development due to its geographic location, natural beauty and strong community spirit.

At present, Guilford lacks tools to guide growth in a way that preserves its character. It is vulnerable to unregulated housing and industry development as we don’t have enforceable land use policies. We can only articulate a vision of how Guilford will grow in the Town Plan. Currently the sole means to regulate construction of high-rise apartments or tract housing in Guilford is Act 250 regulations, which apply to a small subset of developments. Surrounding towns in Windham County have addressed these issues. Going forward the Planning Commission will consult with the Windham Regional Commission to learn about the strategies our neighbors have used to shape growth appropriately.

Wastewater management and water system issues affect Guilford in multiple ways, both in the present and as we look ahead to potential Smart Growth developments. There are currently some limiting or failing in-ground wastewater systems in at least three areas: Algiers, Weatherhead Hollow north of the Fairgrounds, and Guilford Center. Readers might be aware of the efforts of the Fairground people to deal with wastewater at the annual Guilford Fair. An upgraded wastewater system would alleviate its ongoing problems and allow for

smaller events year-round. Across the road from the Fairground there are houses limited in size to one bedroom because of state septic system requirements. Adding an accessory dwelling unit or additional bedrooms, either of which would expand housing availability, aren’t options for those homes. Creatively exploring ways to address these hyper-local wastewater management issues could result in enhancements for homeowners, businesses and recreational facilities.

Other areas in Guilford are affected by the lack of comprehensive wastewater systems. Key-Gots Mini Storage in Algiers, based on its septic system, can only have three employees, even fewer employees if there is water used in the factory processes. There was a bank auction for much of the open land north of Algiers on Route 5. The bids came in far below expectations because the soil did not allow for residential-type septic systems. Notably the buildings that Friends of Algiers renovated or had built wouldn’t have been possible without the Algiers water and wastewater systems expansions. Similarly, the affordable housing planned for the GPI property off Partridge Road could only move forward due to the existence of appropriate wastewater and water infrastructure.

The Planning and Conservation Commissions are currently learning about a number of traditional and innovative wastewater

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- Internet infrastructure funds are coming much sooner than originally expected, and the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB), the state's designated oversight board, is working quickly to get them out to the CUDs. VCBB is also the state's decision maker for disbursing American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds intended for Vermont's CUDs;
- DVFiber is working with an operations business partner, Great Works Internet (GWI). The relationship frame by which the two organizations will function was signed in May. Construction can begin in earnest and in fact, will begin in the fourth quarter of this year in some parts of the CUD;
- The far western portion of Guilford (west of Hinesburg Road) is now part of the first-round construction effort. One of DVFiber's central tenets is to reach first toward those towns with little or no service. Halifax is one



such town, and—like in this case—the engineering calls for some overlaps into nearby communities;

- Though COVID has released a once-in-a-generation funding opportunity for the development of Internet systems, COVID has also slowed some aspects of construction and bulk buying (for fiber cable, say) works in some cases, but there are notable interruptions;
- Don't forget that this effort to secure reliable, affordable Internet in Guilford and across the entire 24-town district is largely a volunteer effort. Yes, we are working with a solid business partner, but much of the governing, policy, design, and communication work remains in the hands of about 50 volunteers.

Other news

With our partner Great Works Internet (GWI), DVFiber has recently completed the network's high-level design. This design will organize construction and

readiness across the 24-town district. We also met with Green Mountain Power (GMP) to schedule make-ready pole and conduit work.

At its annual meeting in May, the DVFiber governing board elected Steven John of Marlboro as chair and Ann Manwaring of Wilmington as vice-chair. Zon Eastes, Guilford's representative to DVFiber, was elected to the Executive Committee, as were David Cherry of Windham, Phil Edelstein of Whitingham, Munson Hicks of Vernon, and Ellen Seidman of Londonderry. Additionally, customer connection and customer accessibility and affordability policies were approved by DVFiber's governing board.

DVFiber also has successfully contracted with Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) for grants management and administrative support.

Learn more and get involved

Intrigued? To learn more, visit our website at DVFiber.net. Sign up for our newsletter to stay informed.

We are always looking for people to contribute and serve on the district's three committees (Communications, Finance and Audit, and Operations). There is an enormous amount of work ahead to secure broadband for the region and win customers to DVFiber. If you would like to get involved, please contact Zon Eastes at 802.-380.-9550 or at: zon.eastes@dvfiber.net

On Wastewater, continued

management solutions, including community septic systems, methane digesters

and plant-based recycling systems among others. There are State grants available to support towns in addressing wastewater

needs, so this is an exciting time to be having the conversation. Stay tuned!



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Photos from Guilford



Field Day, which is an end-of-year celebratory tradition the entire school engages in. These pictures are primarily Kindergarten and First Graders.





*At left:
Guilford Central School
instrumentalists got together for
their first in-person concert on
June 7, 2022, 834 days after the
last in-person performance
at the school*

ord Central School



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Neighborhood Roots Hosts Monthly Gardening Events

BY JULIE BEET

Neighborhood Roots Food Collective hosts monthly events related to food security during the spring, summer, and fall seasons. These events focus on sharing skills related to gardening and food.

In March, Dina Kail of Entwined Art in Nature, a landscaping business based here in Guilford, taught a fruit tree pruning workshop. We learned how to prune both young and established trees, which tools to use and how to use them, and why pruning helps fruit trees to thrive.

In April we continued learning about fruit trees with a tree grafting workshop taught by Matt Stinchfield. We practiced the “whip and tongue” grafting technique and were able to bring home our own grafted fruit trees. This local workshop was especially home grown as all the new trees were grafted with local scions—young shoots from established Guilford fruit trees.

In May we hosted our annual Plant and Seed Swap. We celebrated spring by exchanging our extra seeds, plant starts, and perennial divisions. After the swap, master gardener Emma Schneider, taught a workshop on *Recognizing and Attracting Beneficial Insects - Finding your Allies and Encouraging Them to Stick Around*.

In June we got back to gardening basics with a workshop taught by the Rich



Dina Kail shows how to prune fruit trees

Earth Institute. We learned about the wealth of vital plant nutrients in human urine and how to use it for a flourishing home garden and healthier waters.

In July new and long-time gardeners found inspiration on the Veggie Gardens of Guilford Tour. We learned so much from seeing how different people organize their garden spaces to

nourish themselves, their families, and their neighbors.

Our upcoming events include a Fermentation Fest in August where we make sauerkraut together and a Harvest Swap in the fall. For more information and to get on our email list for future events, go to our website: neighborhoodroots.org.

2022

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2 mutual aid

May:

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18 medical calls
2 mutual aid

June::

3 fire
14 medical calls
6 mutual aid
1 public assist

News from the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department

BY WANDA ATOMANUK

There is activity at the fire station this summer. Lawton Floor Design has replaced the carpeting with commercial grade squares. This allows for easy replacement of an area. It is a much-needed improvement (the original was beyond refreshing), and the tile floors were professionally cleaned. Firemen aren't expected to wipe their feet at the door. We are just glad they are at the door!

Vermont Roadworks has donated time and materials for paving the parking area.

Walker Roofing has replaced the roofing on the conference side of the station and has made additional repairs as they found them: gutters added over doorways, damaged trim replaced. We are so appreciative of all the many smaller details seen to.

The sign over the bay doors will be replaced; weather has not been a friend

Letter of Appreciation for the Guilford Fire Department

The Guilford Fire Department would like to share with you one of many appreciation letters that we receive initiated by a service call—whether it is a fire, mobile accident, mutual aid or medical assistance. We think this one in particular expresses the impact our volunteers have on any given event.

Guilford should be proud of its volunteers.

Good morning,

I wanted to take a moment to reach out and tell you what an amazing job your department did when they showed up to my husband's crash scene on 91-South on Monday, May 30th, 2022.

At about noon my husband was traveling south on 91 when a deer decided to play chicken with him and ended up smashing in the grill of his lifted Chevy Silverado. I don't think anyone won the game of chicken because the deer was, well you know what it was, and the truck was caved in with radiator fluid, oil and DEF fluid leaking everywhere and every airbag in the cab deployed. Somehow my husband was able to coast to the breakdown lane. From there he called the Vermont State Police, which is how we think the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department was notified.

I was about 10 miles behind him in my own vehicle when my husband called me to let me know what was going on. I have to tell you there is nothing quite so unnerving as sitting in your vehicle, pulled over into the breakdown lane, with 18 wheelers, campers, and any other kind of traffic flying by you at what feels like warp speed. I am not a frail person by nature, but I have to say there were a few times when my Jeep was

swaying in the breeze trucks were putting out as they passed me, and I thought: Please God, don't let it end on 91-South. Then in my rearview I saw flashing red lights and the Guilford engine pull up in back of me. To say I was relieved doesn't begin to explain how I felt.

The crew moved quickly and they were very professional. They had the fluids from the truck cleaned up in no time. My husband was frazzled and they were very good with him.

Once the fluids stopped draining, they helped my husband move the truck away from his trailer so we could hook the Jeep to it. Even though we had been in contact with AAA, there was some issue and it was going to take the tow company what felt like forever to get the truck off the side of the highway. One gentleman from the squad called the tow truck company and asked them to come out quickly and for that we are very grateful.

In our time of need the Guilford Fire Department came to the rescue and we have no words to express our thanks and gratitude, and we thought you should know that.

With kind regards,
Lori and John Lyncosky

to it. While this seems like much is going on, we are still within our budget for building maintenance. We appreciate these companies for all they have done to help with keeping the costs under control.

And, not least, we are proud to announce that eight new members have completed the First Responder Course. Congratulations!!

See you at the Guilford Fair.

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Investments in Education are Investments in our Future

BY SARA COFFEY, STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Over the past few months it has been wonderful to see the return of in-person celebrations and community gatherings and

to reconnect with constituents in person to hear how folks are doing. A highlight this spring was visiting Bill Seigny and the students in his electrician class at the Career Center at BUHS. (See “BUHS Graduates New Electricians”). We are all aware of the great need for tradespeople in Vermont, so it was heartening to talk with the students and hear their excitement and optimism about their future.

While challenges persist, I remain optimistic because of what I experienced that day and what I experience working in the State House. I am proud of the way we respectfully debate the issues in Committee and on the House floor to build broad consensus on a balanced budget and the majority of our policy bills. As we begin the transition from summer to back-to-school routines, I wanted to share some updates about supporting our schools, students, teachers and taxpayers.

Free Universal Breakfast and Lunch for the 2022–2023 School Year: Vermont made huge strides in combating food insecurity during the pandemic. With federal support, public schools provided free breakfast and lunch for all students over the last two school years. This federal funding ended in June. To maintain this critical program, the legislature used \$29 million from the Education Fund surplus to pass S.100, a bill to continue universal school meals through the 2022–2023 school year. S.100 will reduce hunger and erase stigma in our schools by ensuring that

breakfast and a hot, nutritious lunch is available to all students. During the upcoming school year, we’ll collect solid data around the cost of universal school meals and study the potential long-term funding opportunities for this program.

Helping Schools Fill Teaching Positions:

The workforce shortage in our schools is a long-standing problem exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. As Vermont schools struggle to hire and retain teachers, H.572 will help. The bill makes it financially feasible for retired educators to return to work for up to a year, without giving up their pension benefits. The teacher must hold an active license, and both teacher and employer must continue to make contributions to the pension and other post-retirement benefits, including health care. Our students will benefit from the stability of an experienced teacher when their classroom teacher is out on leave.

Mental Health Support for Educators and Students:

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on the social, emotional, and mental health of Vermont’s school communities. S.197 taps into \$3 million in federal stimulus funds to establish a two-year program that will offer COVID-19 recovery support for teachers and staff (\$500,000) and provide grants to expand mental health and wellbeing services for children and youth (\$2.5 million). The student-focused grants can be used for a wide variety of programs, like expanding school-based counseling, after-school or summer programs. Applicants must work closely with teachers, school counselors and staff to provide one-on-one or small-group sessions to address important topics like resilience, substance abuse, suicide

prevention, social isolation and anxiety.

Act 1: Updating Our Ethnic and Social Equity Standards: In Act 1 of 2019, the legislature created a working group to review our educational standards and to recommend updates—or additional standards—to fully recognize the history, contributions and perspectives of various ethnic and social groups. The goals include promoting critical thinking; increasing cultural competency among Vermont students grades PreK to 12; eradicating racial bias and ensuring curriculum is welcoming to all students; and helping students safely explore questions of identity, race equality and racism. As of May 2022, the working group has submitted recommendations on Vermont’s Education Quality Standards to the State Board of Education for review, a public process that will take up to eight months. The next step is to hire a consultant through an RFP process to review the curriculum content standards.

Financial Stability for Our Public Pension System: This session the General Assembly put the state’s public pension system on a path towards long-term sustainability, so that teachers, troopers, and all state employees can rely on a well-funded, solvent system when they retire. The State of Vermont made a commitment to contribute \$200 million in one-time surplus revenues and teachers and state employees agreed to restructure their contributions. In all, these changes will eliminate \$2 billion of unfunded liability for taxpayers and ensure retirement security and healthcare certainty for retired teachers and state employees for years to come.

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On Language

BY SUSAN BONTHRON

I was a teenager the first time I ever questioned my own language. I learned that native peoples of the far north had many more words for snow than I did. I was stunned. For the first time I realized that where and how you lived could determine the language you knew and used. Later it occurred to me that it works the other way around, too: the language you learn from birth determines how you become aware of and think about the world and your place in it.

The English language is rich in nouns. Robin Wall Kimmerer in her book *Braiding Sweetgrass**, points out that 70 percent of English words are nouns, while in the native language of her people, Potawatomi, 70 percent of words are verbs. When, as an adult, she was trying to learn Potawatomi (of which there were only nine native speakers remaining), she was frustrated at first by the fact that what would be a simple noun in English—such as “bay”—actually involved a verb in Potawatomi: “to be a bay.” She writes:

“And then I swear I heard the zap of synapses firing....In that moment I could smell the water of the bay, watch it rock against the shore and hear it sift onto the sand. A bay is a noun only if the water

is dead. When bay is a noun, it is defined by humans, trapped between its shores and contained by the word. But the verb *wiikwegamaa*—to be a bay—releases the water from bondage and lets it live. ‘To be a bay’ holds the wonder that, for this moment, the living water has decided to shelter itself between these shores, conversing with cedar roots and a flock of baby mergansers. Because it could do otherwise—become a stream or an ocean or a waterfall, and there are verbs for that too.”

Kimmerer goes on to describe how other nouns can be verbs “in a world where everything is alive...the language a mirror for seeing the animacy of the world, the life that pulses through all things, through pines and nuthatches and mushrooms. This is the language I hear in the woods; this is the language that lets us speak of what wells up all around us.”

Kimmerer calls this the grammar of animacy. As a trained biologist, she knows the language of science is useful for differentiating between one thing and another, but not so useful for understanding relationships between beings. She quotes the ecotheologian Thomas Berry, “...we must say of the universe that it is a communion of subjects, not a collection of objects.” If we imagine

bears, trees, rocks, water as living beings rather than things referred to as “it”, the relationship between us changes. If the mountain is a being, we might not be so quick to take its top off to mine its contents. If the giant sequoia is a being, we might not reach for the chainsaw so fast.

English grammar as currently constructed allows only humans to have standing in the world. Now that scientists have begun to learn about the layered interconnections between the inhabitants of a forest—or any other ecosystem—the language of animacy begins to make sense. Trees communicate danger to other trees by means of pheromones they send out into the air. Networks of fungus are the largest known beings on the planet, and connect entire forests in ways we humans are just beginning to understand.

In the language of animacy, all beings—and the earth herself—become our teachers. We humans need to honor and learn from them.

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer, © 2013, Milkweed Editions, Minneapolis, MN.

Investments in Education, continued

Setting the Property Tax Rate: Because of an unprecedented \$95.7 million surplus in our Education Fund, we were able to return \$20 million to taxpayers while also funding universal school meals for 2022–2023 (\$29 million), PCB testing and remediation in our schools (\$22 million), and new investments in our public

pension system. We’re also creating a new program through our career and technical education centers that will teach students the construction trades by building and rehabbing housing and other community projects (\$15 million). Despite strong statewide growth in education spending, the bill projects an average homestead tax rate of \$1.385, significantly lower than last year’s rate.

Please reach out anytime by email Scoffey@leg.state.vt.us or by phone: 802-257-0288 if I can provide any support or answer questions. It continues to be an honor to serve the State Representative for Guilford.

I hope you continue to enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you at the Guilford Fair!



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BUHS Grads Find Jobs as Electricians

BY NANCY DETRA

Just this past June, nine students graduated from BUHS with electrician jobs waiting for them. No college debt, good solid work. A great place to start.

Teacher Bill Sevigny is delighted.

"The American Dream is still alive for these kids," he says.

By the end of 2024 there will be a deficit of 2,000 electricians in Vermont, 8-10,000 in Massachusetts, says Bill. He firmly believes in a college education for some students; but he rues the fact that that education can put a young person so deep in debt.

"When I was in college I could work and save in a summer and almost pay my tuition (for the following year at UVM)."

It's a tremendous burden, and not the right path for a lot of high school students. But his students' success makes him hopeful. "I see it changing for a lot of students, to where it could be, should be, economically." He tells his students that what they're getting at the Career Center is a free education.

"It's not hard finding a job for these kids," he continues. "Three people started (new jobs) a week after graduation." The other six started soon after.

Bill has not always been a teacher. He's been an electrician for 34 years now, and done some apprenticeship teaching on the side. Last year was his first year teaching at the Career Center. It was also the first year the Ca-

reer Center had an electricians' program.

The lab that Bill has built, with the help of students from the construction program, is a visual delight for hands-on learners. But it's not just the tools and equipment that make it so appealing.

"I was lucky enough to have created a safe place," Bill says. In addition to tools, Bill says he's been told he's got the best snack shelf in the Career Center. Not every student has enough to eat at home, he says. Bill makes sure those students take along extra food at the end of the day. And there's the camaraderie. Bill really likes his students, and he's proud of them.

"I've been judged a hundred different ways," he maintains, but the most important way has been "the success of my students."

Student Julian Young, a Guilford resident, speaks of the relaxed atmosphere in the lab. "I enjoyed the program," he says. "You don't have to worry about regular classroom stuff." But prospective employers who visit the lab have been duly impressed by the quality of the work the students are doing.

"Bill made sure we balanced the work with the laid-backness," says Julian.

Bill is learning a lot from his students, as well as from the teacher in-service courses he is required to take to retain his certification, like Educational Psychology.

As a new teacher at BUHS, Bill says, "I had no apprehension about the electrician part (of the job). "But, to be a good teacher," Bill firmly believes, and he lays his hand on his chest, "It's what's in the heart more than in the head."



Teacher Bill Sevigny (far left) and his students.

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Guilford Cares Update

BY LEAH GESSNER

Our town is a busy place these days and we are tuned in while we continue to provide our free services and programs which focus on supporting older residents. See the list below? All that help is there for anyone who calls and asks.

Food Pantry – Thursdays at the Fairgrounds are busy from 2:15 to 4:00. A corps of rotating volunteers are unpacking, organizing, and getting familiar with the numerous items available. Shoppers are queuing up and marking their choices on the weekly list of items, volunteers are packing bags according to those requests and delivering completed orders to shoppers' cars. They are busy and the time flies. Donations of food, especially fresh produce from the garden, make our offering even better. Call Pat Haine, Pantry Director, 802-257-0626 if you would like to join the volunteers or donate.

Medical Equipment Loan – We are very busy distributing recycled medical items to Guilford and surrounding towns. If you need it, we may very well have it for you, at no charge. Folks have been great about returning and donating wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, shower benches, bed rails, toilet seats, commodes, canes, crutches, cushions, personal hygiene products to name a few. We accommodate short and long term needs.

Transportation – The weekly Tuesday shopping trip continues. Covid has taught us that volunteers can shop from a list or take folks to the store and accompany them in the aisles.

Volunteer drivers will transport to medical appointments. Just give us a few days and we will arrange a ride.

Community Nurse – Nothing can replace the personal touch when someone is recovering from surgery or dealing with a chronic illness. Our RN makes regular check-in visits to assess how clients are doing, make recommendations and advocate for them.

Wellness Activities – Tai Chi classes meet Wednesday mornings at Guilford Community Church. Lap Walks take place on Friday mornings at the playscape and Senior Walks are once per month through October.

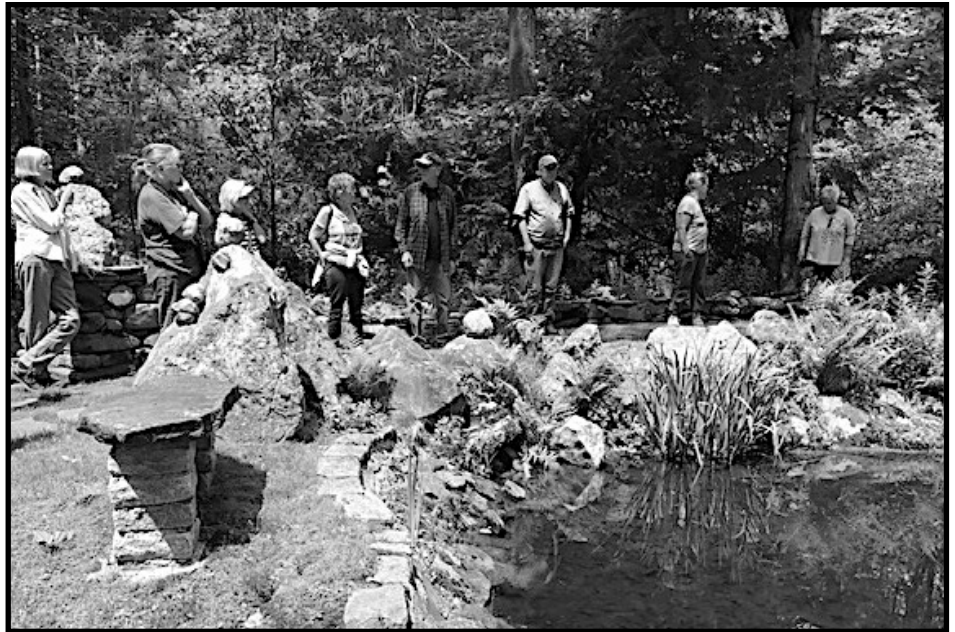
Medical Alert coordination – We will

facilitate the ordering and installation for your peace of mind.

Referrals and contact lists.

Our Board of Directors (currently numbering 11) meets monthly, for one hour, to plan and review activity, oversee finances and manage one part-time staff person, an Executive Director. All activities are conducted from homes and public space. Four of the 11 Directors have served for over 12 years. Welcoming new board members is a high priority for Guilford Cares.

To request help or talk about getting involved, contact us at 802-579-1350, guilfordcaresvt@gmail.com or from our website, guilfordcares.com.



Packer Corners walk at Golden Gardens 2022



Packer Corners Walk June 2022



Weeks Walk May 2022

Guilford Store to Change Hands

BY ANNE RIDER



After opening the Guilford Country Store in 2013 and running it for nine years, Marc and Suzanne Tessitore have decided to move on, leaving open a wonderful opportunity for the right person(s) to take over the business. The store is currently both a country store and a fully-operating gourmet deli located in the historic Broad Brook House, which is owned by the Friends of Algiers Village (a non-profit dedicated to the revitalization of the Village of Algiers since 2004).

The Broad Brook House was built in 1817 and has housed a tavern, a hotel, a livery stable, a ballroom, a barbershop and, for over a century, a country store. The store has been a fixture in Guilford for generations, providing food, goods, and a place for people in the community to gather.

After running a successful catering company in Manhattan for ten years

and the Country Store here in Guilford for nine years, Marc and Suzanne are ready to transition from the food industry to a new direction while staying within the community. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for someone to fulfill their dream of owning a country store in a historic building.

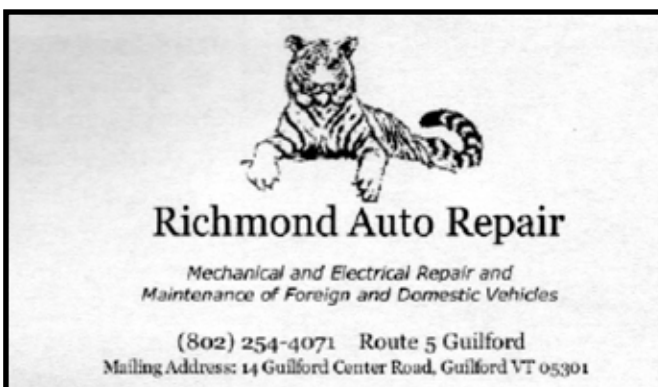
The Friends of Algiers purchased the building in 2010 when Pat Good decided to sell the business and approached the non-profit. After three years, lots of community support financial and otherwise, and an unbelievable amount of work rehabbing the building, FOAVI began the search for someone to take over the store that they had so lovingly restored.

At a time when small towns have been losing their local stores and the historic personalities that make them unique, Marc and Suzanne developed a loyal and appreciative clientele, and the warm buzz of community once again filled the store

and provided the gathering space that the Friends of Algiers had envisioned. The Tessitores took the raw space provided by the rehabilitation and transformed it into a warm, welcoming place filled with delicious prepared foods, fantastic sandwiches and soups, Vermont craft beers and wine, local art and gifts as well as basic grocery staples.

According to the Tessitores, there is nothing like the feeling of satisfaction from knowing that you are contributing to a community. Cooking for people you know is a very personal thing, and most customers in the store are familiar faces from town. You know what they like on their breakfast sandwich, how they like their coffee. You watch their kids grow up and graduate from high school. You celebrate with them when they announce they're having a baby and you cry with them over a loss. This store requires

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Fred Humphrey Made Things Happen

BY NANCY DETRA

Fred Humphrey loved Guilford, so he made sure good things happened here.

When Fred and his wife Dot were newly retired in town, he offered to host an archaeological dig on his Tater Lane property for students at Guilford Central School. Eric Morse's daughter was among those students. Eric quickly learned that Fred was a benevolent force to be reckoned with.

"He was so dedicated to Guilford," says Eric, who later worked with Fred on a number of projects. "I had ideas, and I would tell Fred," Eric says. "That's all it took; Fred was off and running." Fred liked talking to people, and he made a lot of connections, Eric remembers. He was also willing to do the hard work, whether that was writing grants, making phone calls, arranging meetings, mowing the Grange field on his trusty tractor, or planning a Fourth of July parade.

Throughout the years, Fred was a selectman; he served on the Planning Commission; and he was on the board of the fire department. He was one of the original members of Friends of Algiers Village, the group that bought the land and renovated the building that houses the Guilford Country Store. The project was made possible through the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, that



Fred Humphrey stands with Senator Patrick Leahy in front of the Guilford Country Store.

granted Algiers a Village Center designation and made it eligible for grants. Fred wrote grants. He was also involved in extending Brattleboro's public water and sewer systems to the village. He was one of the founding members of the Broad Brook Community Center. He was an avid fan of local history, belonged to the Historical Society, and got funding to preserve the Guilford Center Meetinghouse. Any list of Fred's undertakings would inevitably have omissions, so many were the undertakings—big and small—on that list. He did not forget to acknowledge all the other players who helped to make dreams a reality. A frequent contributor to the Gazette, Fred wrote in 2016 to thank all the people who donated to the Historical Society's Annual Plant and Bake sale. He continued:

"It takes many helpers to mark the

donated plants and baked goods; to lug the plants in and out of donors' and customers' vehicles; to run the cash box; to attend planning meetings; to make dozens of phone calls; and to put up tents and later take them down... We can't forget to mention how much fun we have seeing our friends and neighbors and how much we appreciate people like Doug Richmond... for allowing us to use such a convenient location for the sale. We also appreciate the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department for their help..." He ends by quoting George Ellison: "How Beautiful a Day Can Be when Kindness Touches It."

Throughout his involvement in local projects he attended statewide historic preservation conferences and made the connections necessary to move those projects forward.

"One of the things about Fred was the fun," says Katie Buckley, former town administrator, who often traveled with Fred to the conferences. "The twinkle in his eye... We didn't take the highways (to the conferences); we drove the back roads. We practiced the art of healthy debate. We disagreed often, but it was healthy, intellectually stimulating. And we had some good laughs."

Fred was a determined orchestrator, a hard worker, and a bright spirit.

"He gave me a very good idea of what public service is," Katie says.

Guilford Country Store, continued

special people to own and care for it because it is a special place in a special little corner of Vermont.

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To The Editor:

I received an anonymous letter yesterday, a letter with a threatening tone.

Why anonymous? Was the writer/group ashamed of the opinions she/they held, and didn't want to be identified with them? If a person is unhappy with the decisions of the Guilford Free Library, this is hardly the way to encourage a differing approach.

Cathi Wilken

Guilford

Summer Soirée in the Cemetery

BY THE CHRIST CHURCH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Do you have family, friends or loved ones buried at Guilford's Christ Church Cemetery? Do you have any stories about those who are buried there? Do you know people who now live elsewhere but who also have family members buried there? We would love to hear your stories as we try to make connections with local residents who know this historic cemetery.

Keep the spirits alive in Guilford! The Board of Trustees of the Christ Church Cemetery Association announces a Summer Soirée in the Cemetery at the corner of Rte 5 and Melendy Hill Road on Sunday, August 28, 2022, from 2-4 pm. Join your Guilford neighbors as we share lemonade, cookies, music and history on the bucolic grounds of the cemetery adjacent to the historic 1817 Guilford Christ Church. In the waning summer days, come out and lend an ear or share a story of loved ones from bygone times; recite a poem or let the children "describe the dash" from gravestone readings; be inspired to paint or photograph the scenery while musicians wander; re-connect with neighbors – or make a new friend. All ages welcome!

Donations are welcome and will go to maintenance of the cemetery. Join the Association as we celebrate local history, talk about burial options, share upcoming happenings and pay homage to the loved ones interred. Contact Barry at martinal@myfairpoint.net or reach the CCCA through their website at christchurchcemeteryvt.org.

Save the Date: A Celebration at the Carpenter Homestead

2022 is the 250th anniversary year of the building of the Benjamin Carpenter house on Carpenter Road in Guilford.

The Guilford Historical Society, the Guilford Conservation Commission and the homeowners are planning a celebration at the homestead on Saturday, October 1, 2022 (with October 2 as a rain date). Save the date and watch for more announcements in September on the Guilford town website and Front Porch Forum!



Community Calendar

Library Camp Schedule for 2022:

August 1-12 Stage & Stream Maia Gilmour grades 5-8
August 15-19 Nature Stories Emma Hallowell grades K-3

Summer Soiree in the Cemetery

Sunday, August 28 - details in article at left.

Guilford Fair

September 3 - Registration 10 AM-3 PM

September 4 + 5 -Admission: Opens at 9 AM

Adults: \$8.00

Children 6-12: \$2.00

Children 5 and under: FREE

Senior Citizens: \$5.00

D&L Amusements will have ride bracelets on Sunday, September 4, from 1:00-4:00 for \$20.00 each.

Outdoor Orchestra Concert

Sunday, Sep 4 at 3 PM - , Organ Barn, Kopkind Drive off Packer Corners Rd. Admission free, donation welcome. Details on facebook: Friends of Music at Guilford

ONGOING:

Every Tuesday

- 11 AM STORYTIME IN PERSON OR BY ZOOM

Resuming in March: Library-Cathi Wilken & Laura Lawson Tucker present a program of songs, fingerplays, books and activities for babies, toddlers and older siblings (free) Info: 802-257-4603 Email staff@guilfordfreelibraryvt.org to request the zoom link.

Every second Tuesday of the month

- 9 AM GAZETTE MEETING Via Zoom or at the Guilford Country Store. Help plan the next issue.

3rd Wednesday of the month.

- 6:30 PM TALK ABOUT BOOKS

Library. Books are available to borrow from the library. (free).

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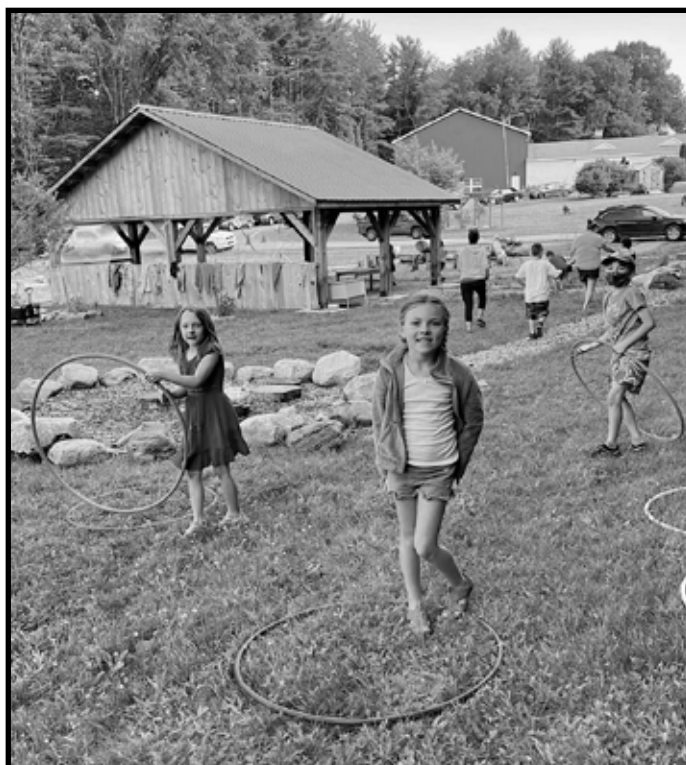
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Field Day at Guilford Central School

